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Applicant : Matthew D. Putnam                          Art Unit : 3732  
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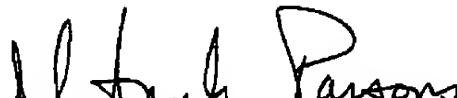
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Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, Applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated December 2, 2002, be extended for two months to and including May 2, 2003.

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Respectfully submitted,



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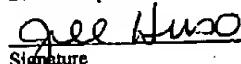
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